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CASTRO STATEMENTS HOSTILE TO THE USSR

1. On 1 November 1962, Fidel Castro addressed the Cuban people via television, informing them on the results of the just-completed talks between Cuban leaders and UN Secretary General U Thant. After reading verbatim the minutes of these conversations, Castro said:

"I still have some questions to deal with. In the course of this crisis, it must be said that during the development of the crisis there arose some differences between the Soviet Government and the Cuban Government....We must discuss this with the Soviets at the level of government and party, sit down with them to discuss everything that might be necessary in the light of reason and principles."

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5. On 15 January Castro addressed the closing session of the "Congress of Women of the Americas. His speech included the following excerpts which evidently were aimed directly at the United States and the Soviets without mentioning them by name:

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"With regard to this <sup>the</sup> necessity of violence in accomplishing revolutionary ~~goals~~ goals, there is something we want to clear up, because there have been some harebrained theoreticians who have declared that in Cuba there was a peaceful change from capitalism to socialism.... Those are the historic truths. And we believe that we at least have the right to speak about our historic truths without some long-distance theoreticians telling us what happened here without ever having come here. One does not have to whisper about these things, nor must one say them in low tones. They must be said in a loud voice so that they will be heard , really heard."

